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TREASURY FOR M. P. HENNESEY

DEPARTMENT FOR DAY, AF/ EX

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: IMF/ IBRD SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS DISCUSSED MATTER OF CONTROL ROOM ALLOCATIONS FOR USDEL WITH BRANTLEY OF WORLD BANK WHO NOW MAINTAINS OFFICE AT KCC. BRANTLEY WAS UNEQUIVOCALLY FIRM IN EXPRESSING HIS BELIEF THAT USDEL SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE GIVEN ANY SPECIAL TREATMENT ABOVE THAT ACCORDED TO THE OTMER GROUPS. SPECIFICALLY, HE OBJECTED TO ANY PLANS TO ESTABALISHCONTROL ROOM IN SECRETARY' S HOTEL (PRESUMABLY INTERCONTINENTAL) OR ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES IN CONGRESSIONAL HOTEL (HILTON). BRANTLEY TOLD EMBOFFICER THAT HE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IF MATTER WERE RAISED DIRECTLY WITH JOINT SECRETARIAT AT IBRD/ IMF HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON.

2. IT WOULD APPEAR WE HAVE TWO OPTIONS: A. TREASURY, AS BRANTLEY INDICATED, MAY WISH TO INFORM JOINT SECRETARIAT IN WASHINGTON OF PRESSING NEEDS FOR CONTROL ROOM AT SECRETARY' S HOTEL AND SPECIAL FACILITY AT CONGRESSIONAL HOTEL, I. E., TWO ADDITIONAL ADJOINING SIN) ES AT INTERCONTINENTAL AND ONE ADDITIOCAL SINGLE AT HILTON. B. TREASURY MAY WISH CONSIDER BEEFING UP ITS REQUEST FOR HOTEL ROOMS AT BOTH INTERCONTINENTAL AND HILTON TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBERS, WIVES WHO MAY NMT ACTUALLY COME, ETC., AND USING THESE ROOMS IN FACT FOR CONTROL ROOMS AND ACCOMMODATION SERVICES. OBFUSCATION WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL
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ONCE CONFERENCE STARTED AND CONTROL AND SERVICE ROOMS IN OPERATION,
BUT BY THEN IT MIGHT BE TOO LATE FOR BRANTLEY TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING ASAP WHAT TREASURY INTENDS TO DO IN THIS MATTER. IN THE MEANTIME, EMBASSY WILL WORK ON ASSUMPTION THAT TWO ADJOINING SINGLES NEAR THE SECRETARY AT THE INTER-CONTINENTAL WILL FUNCTION AS CONTROL ROOM AND THAT A SINGLE WILL BE SET ASIDE FOR ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES FOR CONGRESSMEN AT THE HILTON.

4. LOGISTIC PREPARATIONS (RESERVING ADDITIONAL TELEPHONE LINES AT EACH HOTEL, RENATL RESERVATIONS FOR TYPEWRITERS, ETC.) MUST BEGIN IMMEDIATELY FROM OUR END. FOR EXAMPLE, KCC PROVIDING TEN MANUAL TYPEWRITERS FOR USDEL. WE ASSUME THESE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE AND PLAN TO RENT ELECTRIC TYPEWRITERS. WE WILL PROCEED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY LOCAL COMMITMENTS UNLESS TREASURY PERCEIVES OBJECTIONS.
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